

B. C. EVANS CO.

Special low prices in every department of our house made especially low to reduce our stock before taking our annual inventory, January 1st.

See the Wool and Cashmere Gloves at 25c per pair; real worth, 50c.

See the bargains in Infants' long and short Cashmere Cloaks this week.

See the gold-handled Umbrellas we are offering at One Dollar and seventy-five cents.

See our job lot of Hosiery on counter at choice 25c; less than half price.

See the line of Children's Knit Hoods at choice of the lot for 50c.

See the gold, silver and natural stick Umbrellas at \$3.75; was \$5.

See our genuine all wool red blanket, 10-4, at Two dollars and Fifty cents.

See the line of Children's Plush Caps at choice of the lot for \$1.

See the line of Fine Holiday Goggles we are selling at \$5, \$6 and \$7.

See our \$5.50 all wool Red Blanket; always sold here at \$7.50.

See the line of Ladies' Underwear; all reduced to actual cost.

Visit our cloak room for real low values in Plush and Cloth garments.

See our \$2.50 White Blanket, 10-4, a bargain; real worth is \$3.50.

See our line of Ladies' hand knit Vests and Pants, selling at cost.

See our line of Ladies' fast black Hose at 25c, 33c, 40c and 50c.

See our \$3.50 White Blanket for true value; this takes the palm.

What there is left of Silk Scarfs, Throws, Silk and Plush Cushion Tops, Plain and Figured Plushes and China Silks, Silk Ornaments and Fringes, Banner Rods, etc., will be closed out at strictly cost.

See our line of Ladies' and Children's felt, fur and beaver hats; selling at strictly cost.

See our line of Trimming at choice for 25c per yard.

See the bargains we have in this line.

CITY NATIONAL BANK. CAPITAL, \$300,000. SURPLUS, \$60,000. Safety Deposit Boxes, Fire and Burglar Proof, for Rent.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK. CAPITAL, \$250,000. SURPLUS, \$125,000. GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS.

THE MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK. CAPITAL PAID IN, \$500,000. SURPLUS FUND, \$50,000.

THE FORT WORTH NATIONAL BANK. CAPITAL STOCK PAID UP \$500,000. SURPLUS FUND \$40,000.

Hotel Pickwick, CORNER MAIN AND FOURTH STREETS, FORT WORTH, TEX. Rates \$2.50 Per Day. Geo. C. Hudgins, Manager.

ELLIS HOTEL. This hotel has just been thoroughly renovated, and under the new management made the best in the city. Commodious sample rooms recently secured. Commercial travel especially solicited.

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A BLIZZARD RAGING.

From Maine to Texas and from Manitoba to Georgia.

Snow and Driving Winds Blocking Transportation in the North and East.

Indications Point to an Indefinite Continuance, and Fears for the Worst are Entertained.

ON SCHEDULE TIME.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The predicted snow storm arrived on schedule time, and this morning pedestrians were far and few between, and surface cars are making poor work of it, in spite of the fact that four horses are now trying to do the usual work of two.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—To-day the storm depression is trying to get up to an area of high barometer in Lower Canada, and as New York is in the center of the track, she will have her full share of the depression.

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LEXINGTON, KY., Dec. 26.—The heaviest storm of sleet ever known here occurred yesterday afternoon, and during the night, telegraph and telephone poles were broken, and miles of wire are down.

SEATTLE, WASH., Dec. 26.—A violent storm prevailed on the Puget Sound yesterday. Several vessels were broken from their moorings.

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Life saving station No. 7 have boats ready to lend assistance. The schooner is being driven further upon the beach by the surf.

BAD NIGHT ON THE COAST. PORTLAND, ME., Dec. 26.—A heavy gale is blowing from the north with the mercury 10 degs. above. Snow has fallen fast since noon, and is drifting badly.

TEN INCHES AND STILL SNOWING. SPRINGFIELD, MASS., Dec. 26.—The snowfall here has reached ten inches and still snowing.

FROM SANDY HOOK TO CAPE MAY. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—To-day the storm on the water was much worse for navigation than the heaviest fog.

A DISPATCH FROM POINT PLEASANT, N. J., says a heavy snow storm is raging along the entire coast from Sandy Hook to Cape May.

REPORTS CONTINUE TO BE RECEIVED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE STATE SHOWING A HEAVY FALL OF SNOW AND CONSEQUENT INTERRUPTION OF TRAFFIC.

IN THE MOHAWK VALLEY THE STORM IS UNUSUALLY HEAVY. RAILROAD TRAVEL IS GREATLY DELAYED, SOME OF THE THROUGH TRAINS BEING FROM TWO TO THREE HOURS LATE.

IN VERMONT. RUTLAND, VT., Dec. 26.—Snow began falling in Rutland this morning and continued steadily all day, with little prospect of cessation.

THE MAILS TO-DAY WERE LATE IN ARRIVING IN THE CITY, THE MOST SERIOUS DELAYS BEING IN WESTERN AND SOUTHWESTERN MAILES OVER THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE GENTLEMAN IN CHARGE OF THE WEATHER OFFICE HE SAID: ONE THING IS CERTAIN, WE ARE BOUND TO HAVE HEAVY SNOW ALL DAY AND NIGHT, BUT THAT MAY NOT BE THE WORST.

ON THE PUGET SOUND. SEATTLE, WASH., Dec. 26.—A violent storm prevailed on the Puget Sound yesterday. Several vessels were broken from their moorings.

A COAL MINE ABLAZE. CAUSED BY A KEROSENE EXPLOSION—LABORERS NARROWLY ESCAPE.

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THE TERRITORY IT COVERS. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Reports received by the Associated Press this afternoon shows that nearly the whole country is enveloped in storm.

AT UTICA, N. Y., Dec. 26.—A severe storm is being experienced throughout the Mohawk valley. The weather is quite cold, with strong and snow, falling in large quantities.

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RESTING EASY.

How the Democrats Feel About the Force Bill, and Why.

The Incorporation of the Pan-American Transportation Company Under Consideration.

A Ten-Minute Session of the House Followed by a Renewal of Holiday Festivities—House-Senate Fight.

Wanted a Sleigh Ride.

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE. WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—About fifty members for ten minutes went through the form of holding a session of the house to-day, then they adjourned and went off to continue their holiday recess.

THE SOUTHERN MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY, WERE ANXIOUS TO GET AWAY AND ENJOY A SLEIGH RIDE, FOR WASHINGTON TO-DAY HAS HAD THE UNUSUAL EXPERIENCE OF FRAT-RATE SLEIGHING AND THE STREETS ARE ALIVE WITH ALL IMAGINABLE SORTS OF VEHICLES ON RUNNERS.

THE FORCE BILL.

WHILE THE CHANCES OF THE SENATE PASSING THE FORCE BILL MAY BE A LITTLE GREATER NOW THAN THEY WERE TWO WEEKS AGO, THE DEMOCRATS ARE NOW MORE CONFIDENT THAN EVER THAT IT WILL NEVER BECOME A LAW.

THE CAUSE OF THE DEMOCRATIC CONFIDENCE IS THIS: IF THE BILL SHOULD PASS THE SENATE IT WILL BE IN AN AMENDED FORM, WHICH WILL MAKE IT NECESSARY FOR THE HOUSE TO TAKE UP AND DISCUSS IT AGAIN BEFORE IT CAN BE FINALLY ADOPTED.

THE KNOWLEDGE OF THESE FACTS MAKES THE DEMOCRATS EASIER IN THEIR MINDS THAN EVER ABOUT THE FORCE BILL.

BULLDOZED INTO IT.

BY SPEAKER REED. OF THESE MEN A GOOD MANY WERE DEFEATED, AND SOME OF THEM LAY THEIR DEFEAT TO THEIR VOTE ON THE FORCE BILL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—There is an interesting little fight going on between the senate and house over the urgent deficiency appropriation bill made up principally of appropriations for the government printing office.

THE SENATE ADDED TO THE BILL A PROVISION FOR THE PAYMENT OF SALARIES TO THE CLERKS OF SENATORS DURING THE INTERIM BETWEEN THE TWO SESSIONS OF THIS CONGRESS.

THE HOUSE REFUSED CONCURRENCE IN THE SENATE AMENDMENT AND THE SENATE CONFERRERS REFUSE TO SIGN THE CONFERENCE REPORT AND PERMIT THE OTHER ITEMS OF THE APPROPRIATION BILL TO BECOME A LAW UNLESS THE HOUSE YIELDS.

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Don Batambias Vatanacourt Rendon Chih, Senator Don Prudente Lazanon Salvador, Senator Don Benjamin M. Guerra; Ecuador, Senator Don M. Romero. Delegates have been appointed from Peru, Costa Rica, Honduras and Bolivia, but their names have not yet been reported.

Mr. Romero, Mexican minister, represents Ecuador as well as his own country. Delegates from the United States have not yet been appointed.

More Census Statistics.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The division of vital statistics of the census office has prepared a bulletin which is now in press containing a summary of the results of a special inquiry concerning Jews.

IN THIS CITY THE INQUIRY RESULTED IN THE RETURN OF 10,833 connected family schedules, embracing 60,630 living persons on the 31st day of December, 1889, and in these families there had been 2148 marriages, 6083 births and 2022 deaths during five years ending at that date.

THE SOCIAL CONDITION OF THE FAMILIES IS INDICATED TO SOME EXTENT BY THE NUMBER OF SERVANTS KEPT BY THEM, AND AS ABOUT TWO-THIRDS ARE REPORTED AS KEEPING ONE OR MORE SERVANTS, THE FAMILIES REPORTED MAY BE SAID TO BE IN EASY CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF PERSONS TO EACH FAMILY ON DECEMBER 31, 1889 WAS 5.71, AND THE AVERAGE ANNUAL NUMBER FOR FIVE YEARS COVERED BY THESE STATISTICS WAS 5.47.

THE AVERAGE ANNUAL NUMBER OF MARRIAGES PER 1000 OF THE TOTAL POPULATION WAS MUCH LOWER THAN THE GENERAL RATE, BEING BUT 7.4, AND THE AVERAGE AMOUNT AT MARRIAGE IS GREATER THAN AMONG THE GENERAL POPULATION.

THE LOW MARRIAGE RATE AND THE INCREASED AVERAGE RATE AT MARRIAGE ARE THE PRINCIPAL REASONS FOR THE LOW BIRTH RATE.

THE DEATH RATE REPORTED FOR THE FIVE YEARS GAVE AN ANNUAL DEATH RATE OF 7.11 PER 1000 OF POPULATION, BEING ABOUT HALF OF THE AVERAGE RATE FOR THE GENERAL POPULATION.

THE AVERAGE LONGEVITY OF LIFE FOR THE YEAR 1889 IS 41.13 AND 36.02 YEARS FOR MALES AND FEMALES RESPECTIVELY, AGAINST 49.99 AND 48.05 AS CALCULATED BY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES FOR THE GENERAL POPULATION OF THIS COUNTRY.

CONTRASTING THE BIRTH AND DEATH RATES FOR THOSE OF NATIVE BORN AND FOREIGN BORN PARENTS INDICATES THAT THE BIRTH RATE IS DECREASING AND THE DEATH RATE INCREASING WITH MORE PROLONGED RESIDENCE IN THIS COUNTRY, BUT THE GENERAL RESULTS INDICATE THAT JEWS HERE RETAIN MANY OF THE PECULIARITIES WHICH HAVE BEEN NOTED AMONG THEM IN EUROPE.

On the Crisp Resolution.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Senator Michael presented to the senate yesterday a memorial from the chamber of commerce of Portland, Ore., which embodies a concise and comprehensive statement why congress should not on the Crisp resolutions, covering the ground how it should not with regard to the bankruptcy legislation.

THE MEMORIAL RECOMMENDS THAT THE SENATE ENACT A BANKRUPT BILL HAVE PROVEN FAILURES, BOTH BECAUSE CONGRESS ALONE HAS THE POWER TO ENACT SUCH LAWS, AND BECAUSE OF THE PRACTICAL IMPOSSIBILITY OF SECURING UNIFORMITY OF ACTION BY THE STATES; THAT THE ATTEMPTS OF SEVERAL STATES CONSTITUTE A REHEMMENT PROTEST AGAINST FURTHER DELAY BY CONGRESS IN ENACTING A BANKRUPT LAW; THAT THE CITIZENS WHO RESIDE AT LONG DISTANCES FROM THE CENTERS OF TRADE ARE ENTITLED TO HAVE A LAW ENACTED WHICH WILL MAKE CREDITS MORE SECURE AND ENABLE THEM TO PURCHASE GOODS AT ALL TRADE CENTERS AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES; THAT IN NOWLY SETTLED STATES THE HAZARDS OF BUSINESS ARE GREATER THAN IN OLDER STATES, OPPORTUNITIES FOR SECURING EMPLOYMENT IN SUBORDINATE POSITIONS ARE LESS, AND IT IS THEREFORE OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT THE MEN WHO HAVE HONESTLY FAILED SHALL BE DISCHARGED FROM THEIR DEBTS; THAT BOTH VOLUNTARY AND INVOLUNTARY BANKRUPTCY ARE NECESSARY IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

THE RESOLUTION COVER THE GROUNDS AS FOLLOWS: THAT THE RESERVATION TO CONGRESS BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF THE RIGHT TO PASS A BANKRUPT LAW IMPOSES AN OBLIGATION TO DO; THAT THE ATTENTION OF CONGRESS IS CALLED TO THE FACT THAT SEVERAL STATES HAVE ATTEMPTED TO PROTECT THEIR CITIZENS BY THE ENACTMENT OF INVOLUNTARY LAWS, AND THAT THESE ATTEMPTS CONSTITUTE THE DEMAND FOR ENACTMENT WITHOUT DELAY OF UNIFORM EQUITABLE LAW; THAT THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITIZENS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY AND PARTICULARLY STATES MOST DISTANT FROM THE GREAT COMMERCIAL CENTERS, WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE PASSAGE OF A LAW DEFENDING, WITHIN REASONABLE LIMITS, EXTEND COMMERCIAL CREDIT BETWEEN THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMERCIAL WORLD, PROMOTE AND FOSTER COMMERCE AND DISCHARGE HONEST INSOLVENTS FROM THE BURDEN OF THEIR INDEBTEDNESS OVER THE AMOUNT PAID IN DIVIDENDS BY THEIR ESTATES; THAT ENERGETIC ENTERPRISING CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES WHO HAVE PERFORMED PIONEER WORK OF DEVELOPING THE GREAT INDUSTRY AND RESOURCES OF THE NEW STATES OUGHT TO HAVE IN THE EVENT OF HONEST MISTAKE THE BENEFITS OF THE RELIEF PROVIDED BY AN EQUITABLE BANKRUPT LAW; THAT THEY PROTECT AGAINST THE ENACTMENT OF INVOLUNTARY LAWS, AND VICE VERSA, AND SECURELY POSITION THEM FOR ONE WHICH SHALL BE COMPREHENSIVE OF THE WHOLE SUBJECT; THAT THE TORREY BANKRUPT BILL AS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND NOW PENDING IN THE SENATE IS A JUST AND WISE MEASURE, AND THE EMBODIMENT OF LEGISLATION AUTHORIZED BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE PART OF CONGRESS, AND ITS ENACTMENT IS THEREFORE EARNESTLY DEMANDED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The holiday session has affected the senate heavily in the matter of attendance, and but seven senators put in an appearance at the north wing of the capitol to-day. It was understood when the senate adjourned Wednesday that the session would be purely formal, and, in fact, it was ordered only to escape constitutional inhibition against an adjournment of over three days, so nothing can be done until Monday and then the election bill will be taken up again. There is to be no cloture, no finance, nor anything for a whole week to create a diversion and debate on the election bill. A Republican senator, a strong champion of the bill, said: "We will go on talking about the bill next week and many speeches will be delivered to empty seats and empty galleries. We can't help it, you see, for the proceedings the other night, when Hoar tried to drive the Democrats into a night session, was

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AT THE CAPITAL CITY. APPOINTED OFFICE TO ATTORNEY-GENERAL CULBERSON—CHARTERED—SENATOR BURNBY IMPROVING.

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE. AUSTIN, TEX., Dec. 26.—It is said that R. L. Henry, mayor of Texarkana, has been appointed office assistant to Attorney-General Culberson.

CHARTERED—THE CLEBURNE IMPROVEMENT COMPANY, CAPITAL, \$40,000; THE LAMPASAS SPRINGS ELECTRIC LIGHT, POWER AND WATER COMPANY, CAPITAL, \$20,000; THE WESTERN UNION LIGHT COMPANY OF KANSAS CITY, CAPITAL, \$120,000.

Governor Ross was informed by letter to-day that Senator Barney of Knoxville, who was seriously injured in an accident some days ago, is in a hopeful condition.

Ed. J. Hammer of Haskell left for Fort Worth to-night.

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